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Family Fun Fest: Around the World

Columbia Parks and Recreation is offering Family Fun Fests the third Wednesday of each month at Flat Branch Park. The Fun Fests feature a new theme each month.

The next family Fun Fest will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on August 18 with the theme "Around the World." Children will learn what other kids who live in other countries do for fun, including dancing, games, music and more. Featured performers will be:

MUDRA (MU Dance and Recreation Association): MUDRA's dancers through the medium of Odissi, the most ancient classical dance form of India, will explore the beauty of nature in spring by their graceful movements, sculpturesque postures and vibrant footwork. In the concluding chapter of their recital they will bring before the audience a moment from ancient India where dancers will offer this dance to the divine as practiced in temples those days.

Friends of China: Performances including Diabolo (Chinese Yo-Yo), Tibetan Dance, Chinese Martial Arts, Waist Drum and a variety of children's dances.

UDA (Universal Drum Appeal): The UDA sound is deeply anchored in African drumming traditions, as well in Afro-Latin & Afro-Caribbean traditions. The group's philosophy centers on the concept of promoting *Peace, Justice & Global Harmony* through music.

Tim Langen: Irish Fiddling

Deva Dancers: Belly Dancing

The Family Fun Fests are sponsored by the Convention & Visitors Bureau, KPLA 101.5, KOMU 8 and Columbia Home & Lifestyle Magazine.

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